

**2009**  
**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTION**  
**FOOL CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT**  
**5/10-9/15**

**Introduction**

These annual operating instructions are made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

Please remember that your grazing fees must be paid prior to grazing on the allotment. If you have not received your grazing billing for this season, please call. When you send your grazing fees, write the billing number on the upper left corner of your check. This will insure your payment is properly credited.

**Grazing Schedule**

1. Box Canyon Unit
2. Fool Creek Canyon Unit
3. North Unit (Rested)

**Permitted Livestock**

<b><u>Permittees</u></b>	<b><u>Cattle No.</u></b>	<b><u>Head Months</u></b>	<b><u>Eartags numbers</u></b>	<b><u>Color Orange</u></b>
Spence (FS)	88	372	26-151	
Butler (BLM)	37	156		
Paul Finlinson	20	85	1-20	

Total: **145 Cows    613 Head Months**

**Management of the Allotment**

Cattle must be tagged with the proper Forest Service ear tags and branded with brands that are recorded in the grazing permit folder. Each permittee must own the livestock he grazes on the Forest. It is in violation of your grazing permit to graze cattle other than your own on Forest administered Lands.

The fences must be maintained and sufficient herding done to keep cattle properly distributed, to get uniform grazing use on the allotment. It is very important that you use salt placement and herding to encourage cattle grazing in areas they don't readily graze.

Grazing will begin when the perennial wheat grasses get into the flower head.

This year cattle will graze the Box Canyon unit first and graze there until proper-use is reached. Then cattle will be moved to the Fool Creek Unit for the remainder of the season or until proper-use is reached.

**Key areas** in each unit are: 1. Box Canyon Unit- Flat between water sources.  
2. Fool Creek - Flat between Morning Dove Canyon and Fool Creek Canyon.

### **Grazing Use Standards**

<b>Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria</b>		
<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Stubble Height/Use</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Non-hydric Sod-Forming Grass Species in Riparian Areas	1 ½ "	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass--Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Wheatgrass Seedlings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedlings
Riparian/Upland Browse Sprouts and Young-Aged Plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Riparian/Upland Mature Browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Upland Grass/Forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth
Riparian Ground Cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas	

### **Maintenance of Improvements**

Fences and water developments need to be maintained to standard before cattle are allowed to graze.

If you have any question or concerns, please call Bob Stevens at (435) 743-5721.

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cc: All permittees on the Fool Creek Allotment